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The SPECTATOR.

Quo teneam vultus mutantem Protea nodo? Hor.

Thurſday, March 6. 1712.

Have endeavoured, in the courſe of my Papers, to do Juſtice to the Age, and have taken care as much as poſſible to keep my ſelf a Neuter between both Sexes. I have neither ſpared the Men out of Complaiſance, nor the Women out of Gallantry; but notwithſtanding the great Integrity with which I have acted in this Particular, I find my ſelf taxed with an Inclination to favour my own Sex of the Species. Whether it be that the Women afford a more fruitful Field for Speculation, or whether they run more in my Head than the Men, I cannot tell, but I ſhall ſet down the Charge as it is laid againſt me in the following Letter.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'Always make one among a Company of 'young Females, who peruſe your Specu-'lations every Morning. I am at preſent 'Commiſſioned, by our whole Aſſembly, to 'tell you, that we fear you are a little en-'clined to be partial towards your own Sex. We 'muſt however acknowledge, with all due Grati-'tude, that in ſome Caſes you have given us our 'Revenge on the Men, and done us Juſtice. We 'could not eaſily have forgiven you ſeveral Strokes 'in the Diſſection of the *Coquet*'s *Heart*, if you 'had not, much about the ſame time, made a Sa-'crifice to us of a *Beau*'s *Scull*.

'You may, however, Sir, pleaſe to remember, 'that not long ſince you attacked our Hoods and 'Commodes in ſuch manner, as, to uſe your own 'Expreſſion, made very many of us aſhamed to ſhew 'our Heads. We muſt, therefore, beg leave to re-'preſent to you, that we are in Hopes, if you 'would pleaſe to make a due Enquiry, the Men 'of all Ages would be found to have been little 'leſs whimſical in adorning that Part, than our 'ſelves. The different Forms of their Wiggs, to-'gether with the various Cocks of their Hats, all 'concur us in this Opinion.

'I had an Humble Servant laſt Summer, who 'the firſt time he declared himſelf, was in a Full-'bottom Wigg; but the Day after, to my no ſmall 'Surprize, he accoſted me in a thin Natural one. 'I receiv'd him, at this our Second Interview, as 'a perfect Stranger, but was extreamly confounded, 'when his Speech diſcovered who he was. I reſolved, 'therefore, to fix his Face in my Memory for the 'future; but as I was walking in the Park the ſame 'Morning, he appeared to me in one of thoſe Wiggs 'which I think you call a *Night-cap*, which had al-'ter'd him more effectually than before. He af-'terwards played a Couple of Black Riding-Wiggs 'upon me, with the ſame Succeſs; and, in ſhort, 'aſſumed a new Face almoſt every Day in the 'firſt Month of his Courtſhip.

'I obſerved afterwards, that the variety of Cocks 'into which he moulded his Hat, had not a little 'contributed to his Impoſitions upon me.

'Yet, as if all theſe ways were not ſufficient to 'diſtinguiſh their Heads, you muſt, doubtleſs, Sir, 'have obſerved, that great Numbers of young Fel-'lows have, for ſeveral Months laſt paſt, taken up-'on them to wear Feathers.

'We hope, therefore, that theſe may, with as 'much Juſtice, be called *Indian Princes*, as you 'have ſtiled a Woman in a Coloured Hood an '*Indian* Queen; and that you will, in due time, 'take theſe airy Gentlemen into Conſideration.

'We the more earneſtly beg that you would put 'a ſtop to this Practice, ſince it has already loſt us 'one of the moſt agreeable Members of our Socie-'ty, who after having refuſed ſeveral good Eſtates, 'and two Titles, was lured from us laſt Week by 'a *mix'd Feather*.

'I am ordered to preſent you the Reſpects of our 'whole Company, and am,

SIR,

Your very humble Servant,

DORINDA.

Note, *The Perſon wearing the Feather, tho' our Friend took him for an Officer in the Guards, has proved to be only an Enſign in the Train-bands.*

I am not now at leiſure to give my Opinion upon the Hat and Feather; however, to wipe off the preſent Imputation, and gratifie my Female Correſpondent, I ſhall here print a Letter which I lately received from a Man of Mode, who ſeems to have a very extraordinary Genius in his way.

SIR,

'I Preſume I need not inform you, that among 'Men of Dreſs it is a common Phraſe to ſay '*Mr.* Such an one *has ſtruck a bold Stroke*; by which 'we underſtand, that he is the firſt Man who has 'had Courage enough to lead up a Faſhion. Ac-'cordingly, when our Taylors take Meaſure of us, 'they always Demand *whether we will have a plain 'Suit, or ſtrike a bold Stroke.* I think I may with-'out Vanity ſay, that I have ſtruck ſome of the 'boldeſt and moſt ſucceſsful Strokes of any Man in '*Great Britain.* I was the firſt that Struck the Long 'Pocket about two Years ſince: I was likewiſe the 'Author of the Froſted Button, which when I ſaw

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the Town came readily into, being reſolved to ſtrike while the Iron was hot, I produced much about the ſame time the Scollop Flap, the knotted Cravat, and made a fair puſh for the Silver-clock'd Stocking.

'A few Months after I brought up *the modiſh Jacket*, or the Coat with cloſe Sleeves. I Struck this at firſt in a plain *Doily*; but that failing, I Struck it a ſecond time in blue Camlet; and repeated the Stroke in ſeveral kinds of Cloth, till at laſt it took effect. There are two or three young Fellows at the other end of the Town, who have always their Eye upon me, and anſwer me Stroke for Stroke. I was once ſo unwary as to mention my Fancy in relation to a new-faſhion'd *Sartout* before one of theſe Gentlemen, who was diſingenuous enough to ſteal my Thought, and by that means prevented my intended Stroke.

'I have a deſign this Spring to make very conſiderable Innovations in the Waſtcoat, and have already begun with a *Coup d'eſſai* upon the Sleeves, which has ſucceeded very well.

'I muſt further inform you, if you will promiſe to Encourage, or at leaſt to connive at me, that it is my Deſign to Strike ſuch a Stroke the Beginning of the next Month, as ſhall ſurprize the whole Town.

'I do not think it prudent to acquaint you with all the Particulârs of my intended Dreſs; but will only tell you as a ſmall Sample of it, that I ſhall very ſpeedily appear at *White*'s in a *Cherry-coloured Hat*. I took this Hint from the Ladies Hoods, which I look upon as the boldeſt Stroke that Sex has Struck for theſe hundred Years laſt paſt.

I am,

SIR,

Your moſt Obedient,

moſt Humble Servant,

Will. Sprightly.

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